

**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:07 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
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Email1:  
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Comments1:

This chemical soup is deadly; stop this crazy attempt by chemical companies and major mattress makers to reap overwhelming profits at the risk of anyone using a new bed!

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I\_agree1: ON  
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T1: Ms.  
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Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Jordan  
State: New York  
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Email1: poulin@isp.com  
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Comments1:

I have already been injured by chemicals which resulted in my becoming disabled by Multiple Chemical Sensitivities. We need a new mattress but I know I would not be able to tolerate sleeping on one without becoming very ill. When will this senseless over use of chemicals be stopped?

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I\_agree1: ON  
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Name1: Julie  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: 690 Selborne Road  
City: Riverside  
State: IL  
Zip: 60546  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Putting toxic chemicals in mattresses will create more problems than the one it was designed to solve. I am sensitive to many household chemicals and am currently working very hard to eliminate toxic chemicals from my household. I am strongly opposed to the new industry standards which require mattresses to be flame retardant. Julie Laffin Riverside, IL

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B2: Submit

Comments1:

Like most things, it seems like informed consent would be a nice option to have. Also, the ability to have options (a mattress with no problematic chemicals added to it) is a good thing as opposed to having to have these beds with substances in them that I might not choose to have for health reasons.

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State: Queensland  
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Email1: dbucklan@bigpond.net.au  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Please visit my website Diana Buckland GLOBAL RECOGNITION CAMPAIGN for  
MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY and other chemically induced illnesses, diseases and injury  
[www.mcs-global.org](http://www.mcs-global.org)

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Cl: ON  
Tl: Ms.  
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Company1:  
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City: Strathmore  
State: CA  
Zip: 93267  
Phone1:  
Email1: caroline@thegrid.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

We all carry harmful chemicals in our bodies today...chemicals need to be tested, and they need to be regulated. Putting chemicals in our bedding will cause more harm than good. I do what I can to protect my family from contact with chemicals.

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Company1:  
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City: Norridgewock  
State: ME  
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Email1: snowbook@kynd.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

The idea that the mattress industry pushed for these laws makes them suspect. Each human being in this world already carries a large chemical burden in their bodies from the manufactred chemicals and pollutants of the last 100 years. We spend one third of our lives sleeping. Exposing humans to known poisons ON PURPOSE for one third of their lives is just absurd. Making it a LAW, so that those who want to opt out, can't, is unacceptable. All mattresses must be labled with all chemicals used - not just a cover category, as in FIRE RETARDANT, but a list of all chemicals used, so that the consumer can research what it is they are sleeping on and breathing in for eight hours, every night of their lives. Where are the studies which show effects over time on humans sleeping on mattresses with these poisons in them?

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Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Kenmore  
State: WA  
Zip: 98028  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

The toxic load on our bodies is high enough without purposefully increasing the load.



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I\_agree1: ON  
C1:  
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Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Federal Way  
State: WA  
Zip: 98023  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I would really like it if companies would stop trying to poison us unnecessarily!

Thanks!

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**From:** Jason Ackner [jitaconsulting@adelphia.net]**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 4:33 PM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** disgusting

To Whom It May Concern,

After being diagnosed with fibromyalgia at the young age of 24, I was thrust into this movement and others like it in desperate attempts to find out what causes my agonizing pain. I was told that I have possible food allergies and chemical sensitivities, among other things. So I began investigating the possibilities and became completely disgusted with what I have found. I am just an ordinary stay at home Mom. I am expecting my third child. I am educated with a high school diploma. Yet, I am able to acknowledge that the chemicals that are being put in mattresses are totally ridiculous. It seems that in no matter what area of life you look into, Americans are being systematically poisoned. I believe it is for profit. If the government allows this to stand it will validate what a lot of us "ordinary people" are finding out. I will continue to spread the word to other ignorant Americans that the government is counting on, to remain uneducated about the dangers of everything being put on and in their bodies. Answer this, why does Europe ban dozens of chemicals that are allowed to be used in America? Why does China have an almost non-existent incidence of SIDS than America? Maybe because China's mattresses are chemical free? This isn't rocket science! Do the right thing. There are innocent children being exposed to these chemicals. There is documentation of the health risks associated with these chemicals. There are natural ways of providing the same outcome without the risks. I am just happy that I now know the facts so that my family can live in a natural chemical free home. I just wish more than anything that I could do the same for everyone else but, that's your job. PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY!

Sincerely,  
Angela Ackner

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**From:** Stacey Davis [StaceyD@iatric.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:36 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress NPR

Hello,

I think this stuff about putting boric acid in a mattress is gross. I already go to specialty stores to avoid chemicals in foods, now I will probably have to import my mattress from some other country.

Please do your best to make sure boric acid doesn't end up in our mattresses!!!!!!

Stacey M. Davis  
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**From:** UserNiki1780@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:34 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

**"Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent."**

"If our government guesses correctly, that it is safe for everyone to sleep in these chemicals, we may save up to 300 people from fire. However, our exposure in mattresses is intimate and chronic. **If they are wrong**, and they have been wrong in the past, they could harm or kill up to 300 million people. All of us sleep on a mattress. **The risk is huge**. Hippocrates left us with the admonition: "First do no harm.""

"Boric Acid (yes, the Roach Killer), Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidene Chloride, Zink Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause **cancer**. Some are known to be a **reproductive and developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage** are only some effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of **these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone**. "

"anybody stupid  
enough to smoke in bed **DESERVES** to burn themselves up and I don't need to  
poison myself over the next 50 years to protect them"

I believe with all of the above statements.

Signed A Concerned Citizen,

Nicole Campbell

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**From:** Patty Vallance [cvallance@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:36 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress NPR

i am writing to strongly protest your intent to flameproof mattresses with chemicals without first knowing the risks and dangers that are inherent. please consider this request and do NOT support this law to use hazardous chemicals in consumer products.  
patty vallance  
tucson az

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**From:** Carol Hansen [carolcr@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:34 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Please stop this insane law to put fire retardant in mattresses and put all of us at risk for more "better living through chemistry," just to save a few people from smoking in bed. We are subjected to enough carcinogens in our life.

Carol Hansen  
Port St Lucie, Florida

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**From:** psyche1@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:32 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** comment on a proposed law to flameproof mattresses

**comment on a proposed law to flameproof mattresses:**

I am against the passage of this directive until more study is done in regards to its long-term safety.  
Please do more research. Thank you.

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baileyaa@comcast.net  
Ann Bailey  
Woodbridge, VA 22191

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From: RITA INGLEHEARN [JACKRITA@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:29 AM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

ARE YOU KIDDING ME. THEY DON'T WANT POWDER ON MATTRESSES BECAUSE OF THE HARM IT DOES TO LUNGS IN SMALL CHILDREN, ETC. BUT YOU ARE GOING TO PUT ROACH KILLER POWDER. WHY DO THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ALWAYS HAVE TO SUFFER FOR THE MINORITY OF PEOPLE. DO WE NOT HAVE CHOICES ANYMORE? GIVE ME A BREAK!! IF THEY SMOKE, THEY HAVE A CHOICE OF WHERE TO SMOKE. WHY AREN'T WE ALLOWED TO MAKE THE SAME CHOICES AS WHAT TO SLEEP ON.

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**From:** AmysPartyPlace.com [amyspartyplace@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:25 AM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Mattress chemicals

This is a horrible. I can't believe an organization that is supposed to help us save lives and our kids lives are considering this. Boric Acid is not something that we should be sleeping on in any amount of concentration. I hope that this law does not go through.

***Until next time ....***

***Thanks Amy Cicak***

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**From:** Claire Breitsma [cbreitsma@tds.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:25 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I recently heard that the mattress industry wants approval from the government to put Boric Acid in all mattress to prevent the mattresses from catching fire. We are already exposed to so many chemicals in our environment, do we really need to be exposed to another chemical, roach killer, for eight hours a day, every day? My child has chemical sensitivities and to potentially expose him to more is insensitive to HIS needs. He can't help what he's allergic to. The people who smoke in bed can help themselves by not smoking in bed. Families can help themselves by having working smoke detectors in the home and planning escape routes. There is something out there called common sense. Stop passing legislation that will only help those who lack it.

Claire Breitsma  
Monticello, Minnesota

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**From:** Ann and Peter Evans [evansac@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:24 AM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** polluted beds

I have a child who is sensitive to chemicals. I do not need for additional chemicals to be added to these beds...Roach Killer...Give me a break...this is crazy...to expose millions of people to chemicals that you don't know what the side effect will be so a few may be saved from fire. There are better ways to prevent fire. At a minimum, you should still allow regular beds and then have fire resistant beds for those who want them. We have a right to choose rather we want to be exposed to these dangerous chemicals.

We are exposing people to many chemicals in this society. I am against these new mattresses.

Thanks,  
Ann and Peter Evans

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**From:** Midwest Arise [glory@midwestarise.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:41 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Hello:

I am writing to express my concern and to say that I am against putting boric Acid in to mattresses as a flame-retardant measure. I am very sensitive to many chemicals as is my family. I have also read on Boric Acid containers that it is a very toxic chemical...especially to developing babies.

Please do not force all of us to sleep on chemical-laden mattresses.

These could be available as an option for smokers...if they feel the benefits outweigh the risks from the chemical exposure.

Thank you,

Pam Evans  
Kalona, Iowa 52247

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**From:** Tanya H. Gold [tgold@triad.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:22 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Cc:** Tanya H. Gold  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Good Morning.

I am writing to you today to protest the proposed addition of flame-retardant chemicals to mattresses. I do not agree that this treatment is "safe enough" to be worth the potential risks to the general population. The facts I read were stated clearly by <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/> and I do not need to repeat them here. I only wish to let you know my opinion about them and let you see where my point of view comes from.

I am a mother of three children. We homeschool. We hike together regularly and camp several times a year. My daughter is raising a few chickens as a 4-H project and we have farm-fresh eggs. I cook homemade when I can. I garden. I am working myself to the bone to offer my family a healthy lifestyle. As we study (history especially), my children and I together are being enlightened by a new perspective on our modern lives. I and my family will take homeschooling a step farther and "experience another culture" by sleeping on a blanket on the floor before I will subject them to killing chemicals during their sleep hours.

Homeschoolers, in general, are a very "aware" crowd. I expect many of your negative responses to be from those of us who don't take kindly to this kind of "protection" by those in authority in our world. Each of us has to decide for ourselves in the end because the responsibility is ours and cannot be shared by those we thought were worthy of our trust. I choose not to buy a mattress full of chemicals.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to comment on the proposed law.

Tanya Gold  
[tgold@triad.rr.com](mailto:tgold@triad.rr.com)

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**From:** Diane Martin [Diane.Martin@mail.wvu.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:21 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** POISONESS MATTRESSES .....GOOD GRIEF .....AS IF THEY'RE NOT HAZARDOUS ENOUGH ALREADY.

How can you create laws that harm people? What are earth are you thinking of, creating laws that make manufacturers create products that harm us and our children. If thimerosal mercury poisoning in vaccinations, genetically modified foods, water poisoned with fluoride, and power plants arsenic, mercury and other hazardous pollutants weren't enough, now the very beds that we sleep on are being made unsafe. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Make laws to not poison us, PLEASE. Any one that smokes in bed should accept the possible consequences not poison the rest of US just to save the SMOKERS FROM THEMSELVES!!!!!!

What in this world is going to be left that IS safe to EAT, DRINK, or BREATHE?

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**From:** Sansone, Theresa (SchlOfEduc) [Sansone@mail.ccsu.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:20 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I do not support the use of chemicals in beds to keep them flame resistant. This is overkill and the affects that people will have from these chemicals is unknown. Why put so many people at risk with these chemicals? Please look at the figures of how many people this "could" save vs. the number of people that "will" be affected by sleeping on chemicals every night. This law should not be mandatory. On the other hand, don't make it illegal. GIVE PEOPLE A CHOICE. If they want to buy a mattress that is laced with chemicals, then let them. However, I choose not to!

Theresa Sansone  
30 Stanley Court  
New Britain, CT 06051

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**From:** Martha Vass [martha11@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:15 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Please -- no flameproofing of mattresses!!! I have three children who are extremely sensitive to chemicals -- those added to food, as well as common household cleaners, those added to treat wood used in decks, those added to carpets.....we even have to avoid Walmart entirely and don't know why, but they all have reactions when they go there! In many other stores, they have to avoid certain aisles -- there's no way to know this except through trial and error. At least, once we've learned where they react we can avoid that area. The worst offenders are the ones with no odors; we can avoid the ones we can smell, but the silent ones are the killers. If mattresses are flameproofed, how do you avoid that? Sleep on the floor?

Please, please do not do this. If these chemicals are so harmful to my sensitive family, there is a good chance that they are doing some harm to the rest of society. Just because some people do not show obvious reaction to them does not mean they are not being harmed.

You MUST know what you are doing to society as a whole before enacting such legislation. My honest feelings are:

"If people are stupid enough to smoke in bed, let them suffer the consequences; do not make my children suffer for them. They have a choice -- to smoke in bed or not to smoke in bed. My chemically sensitive children do not have a choice if you flameproof mattresses."

I urge you to drop this like a hot potato!

Martha Vass  
R.R. 2, Box 357-1/2  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

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**From:** Caruccichiro@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:05 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame Retardent in Mattresses

To Whom It May Concern:

Please note that the chemicals the mattress industry and the chemical industry are proposing to be added to all mattresses from this point forward are know neural toxins and carcinogens. This means they adversely effect the nervous systems of humans and animals and they cause cancer. The expected number of lives to be saved by implementing such measures does not out weigh the harm it will cause potentially millions. Our systems are already bombarded with these chemical and in fact we are bombarded to such a degree that they have even shown up in mothers breast milk. As you are aware we have a tremendous rise in Autism, Attention Deficit Disorder and other degenerative neurological disorders. PLEASE do not mandate this regulation. At the very least, please allow some mattresses to be manufactured that do not have these chemicals - allow the American People the ability to make their own INFORMED decision. Mandate posting information on the pros and cons of these chemicals when an individual or couple is making such a purchase. Thank you for hearing my view point.

Respectfully,

Dr. Gina M. Caruccio

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**From:** Dena White [djwhite23@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:02 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

please don't pass a law to add even more chemicals to my childrens environment.

I can see definate attention deficit problems with my children that are directly influenced by chemicals they eat or smell and also skin rashes that appear when I use scented laundry detergents.

No one in my house smokes so we do not have the risk of smoking in bed and falling a sleep and the bed catching on fire, so I do not need the govenment to pass a law to protect me from something that is not an issue for my family. If some people want this protection, by all means let them have it, but I don't want it especially if it means sleeping and breathing in chemical fumes every night.

Thank You  
Dena White  
mother of 3

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**From:** Laura Sholtz [laurasremedies@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:00 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattresses

Dear People:

Please consider the ramifications of having skin be in direct contact with multiple chemicals during all the hours of sleep, each and every day, before passing this new law. We consumers should have a choice, not be bound by others' stupidity. There are already enough diseases brought about from the pollutants and chemicals in our daily lives; let's not add yet another arsenal to take us even further from what nature intended for our health.

Sincerely,  
Laura Sholtz

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**From:** Forches5@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:58 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress NPR

Dear Sirs and or Ma'ams,

I am concerned about the new mattress law that is being considered. My children are sensitive to many chemicals. Some make their skin break out and some that are ingested or inhaled give them horrible stomach aches and head aches causing them sleepless nights and trouble concentrating at school. If they would be forced to sleep on mattresses that contain these chemicals how can they be healthy or even just enjoy a full nights sleep? Wouldn't a good alternative be to give consumers an option whether they would like to purchase a mattress with these flame retardant chemicals in them or a mattress without the chemicals? This is America we should be allowed to make educated decisions about what chemicals we willingly expose ourselves and our children to. Please consider my plea!  
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Forche

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**From:** Jennifer Plotner [chef@plotner.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:56 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** No Poison in Our Beds!

This is ridiculous that anyone would even consider this. I will NOT buy a bed again if this goes through. I will look for natural alternatives, or buy from another country that does not have BORIC ACID in their beds.

Jennifer Plotner  
Independent Sales Director and  
New Consultant Trainer for  
The Pampered Chef  
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**From:** stanranch@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 7:45 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: flame proof mattresses

Please do not pass the law allowing roach kill powder into the mattresses. There are so many children with sensitivities to fragrances etc. This would be harmful to their health, their family's peaceful environment together and the sensitive child's ability to learn and make friends. We have managed all these years without the need for this in our mattresses, I am sure we can live without it now.

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**From:** Jane Ford (WPI) [WPIJAF@Windsor-Club.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:12 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flame proof beds

To Whom it may Concern,

I believe beds should be made of the most natural products possible. Or - people should be given the option of natural vs chemical beds. We have the options in the grocery store. Will there be any makers allowed to make organic beds?

Jane Ford  
Vero Beach, FL

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**From:** Kathleen Lee, RD. [klrd@softcom.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:07 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flame retardent mattresses

Hello,

I am a health care practitioner. I deal with patients daily who have high sensitivity levels to numerous elements. I would like to express my opposition to the automatic addition of chemicals to mattresses. I believe this is a very unnecessary and unhealthy option.

Thank you,

Kathleen Lee, RD,CD,CLE

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**From:** Keith & Mona Bowden [kbowden@prairieinnet.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:06 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: MATTRESS NPR

Madam or Sir:

I am writing to express total disagreement with the bill to require all mattresses to be flame proofed. My child is sensitive to chemicals and we already have a difficult enough time helping him avoid such things in his food and environment. But now the proposal is to flame proof ALL beds sold in the United States. Please -- this law will harm many more people than those who might be potentially saved. If consumers want a bed that is soaked in flame proofing chemicals, the market will provide it. In any event, do not require that all mattresses be made that way. We, as parents of a child already sensitive to chemicals everywhere we turn, must have a chemical free choice. We are willing to take the risk, however slight it may be.

Keith and Mona Bowden  
Alden, Iowa

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**From:** Phil Hansen [pwhansen@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:03 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

This is a stupid law.

Best Regards, Phil

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Phil Hansen  
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pwhansen@adelphia.net

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**From:** kimberley.c.celi@accenture.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:07 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Please count our family as 6 people who do not wish to have chemicals in our mattresses. We do not wish to have flame retardant chemicals in our bedding where we sleep 8-10 hours per night.

I agree that **"Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent"**

Thank you

Kim Celi  
John Celi  
Kaitlyn Celi  
Luke Celi  
Margaret Celi  
Giovanna Celi

Wellesley, Massachusetts.

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**From:** Janet Moos [jmoos@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:00 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** No to Bed Chemicals

Please do not allow new chemicals to be added to bedding. I am an expectant mother of 5. Our family has chemical allergies and would not be able to sleep on any flame-retardant bedding as proposed by the bedding industry. One of my children has severe chemical allergies and could suffer or be killed by unknown toxins added to our home and to the homes of others. Our nation needs less environmental chemicals and more personal responsibility. Please vote no.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Janet Moos, R.N.

2000 Westlake Drive, PLano TX 75075

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**From:** DENISE LEXA [sunflowr@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:00 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flame proofing mattress'

This is ridiculous!! I can't believe this is even a consideration! I completely believe that the risks out way the benefits of flame proofing mattress. The risks to our health and the health of our children is not worth it. Aren't we already exposed to enough contaminates? Denise

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**From:** John Henahan [jihod1@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:59 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Cc:** Lisa Henahan  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to the passage of the new flame retardant regulations for mattresses. I believe that your intentions are admirable, but the risk of being chronically exposed to these chemicals over the entire surface of our bodies and breathing in such close proximity for 8+ hours every day for the rest of our lives is too risky. Furthermore, I am concerned about the cost this process adds to the purchase price of a mattress.

I hope you seriously reconsider this flawed idea that puts hundreds of millions of men, woman and especially children and babies at risk to possibly save the lives of around 300 people per year.

Thank you for thought and consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

John L. Henahan

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**From:** Sylvia Spencer [sylvia@spectrumta.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:01 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I highly disapprove of adding Boric Acid to mattresses to act as a flame retardant. I know I don't want to be sleeping in poison and hope and pray this ridiculous law does not take effect.

Sylvia Spencer  
Spectrum Type & Art

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704.375.6120 f  
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**From:** J. Gaston [jgaston@ccrtc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:55 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

Dear Sir or Madam,

Will each mattress come with a warning label? Cigarettes are not consumed by 100% of the population, it is a personal choice, with a health risk warning printed on each package. A mattress on the other hand...

"Flame Retardant" sounds like a great sales pitch but, will the buying consumer be informed as to what chemicals are involve?

And about the folks on the floor selling this toxic product, will they be informed of the health risks they themselves are exposed to by being around this poison day after day?

Big mistake here.

Janet Gaston

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**From:** Eastsidefarm@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:54 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame retardant mattresses

I strongly urge you not to pass the law forcing mattresses to include flame retardant material. An alternative would be to offer such mattresses to the public so that if they choose to, they could purchase the mattresses with these chemicals in them without the rest of us having to own such mattresses.

Thank you.

***Dolores Houston-Jones***

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**From:** Smith, Kathleen M (GE Energy) [kathie.smith@ps.ge.com]**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:50 AM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am the mother of an extremely allergic child. If this goes into effect, he will not be able to sleep on a mattress because the chemicals in it would affect his breathing and his health.

As far as tests are concerned, what you are wanting to do is see what happens with the general public? There has not been any long term testing to see how the human health will be effected.

How can experiments on the general public happen like this to save the lives of 300 or so people every year? When in reality you are going to possibly endanger many more.

I myself wouldn't buy a mattress that has added chemicals in it, even if it was a law. I can't see how a law could be passed stating that we have to sleep and be exposed to chemicals that could possibly cause cancer later in life.

I pray that this does not become a law in our state.

Kathie Smith  
9099 Byrnesville Road  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016

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From: Wendy Bolt [wendybolt@earthlink.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 8:46 AM  
To: Stevenson, Todd A.  
Subject: Mattress NPR

Dear Sirs:

The innerspring mattress industry went to the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) and asked for, and strongly supports, this new law that mattresses resist ignition from open flames. The chemical industry also lobbies for this law. It is an example of government gone crazy with overregulation, without an act of Congress. It adds about \$100 to the price of new mattresses. It makes no sense to expose 300 million people to even "low risk," to optimistically save 300 from fire. We know the chemicals used to flameproof mattresses are very poisonous. A large amount of these chemicals are required to be concentrated at the surface of the mattress to pass an overly strict open flame test, which has been called the toughest FR standard ever. No natural or synthetic fibers can pass this test without added chemicals. When asked about health risks, the CPSC responds, "We are already exposed to over one billion additional pounds of flame retardant chemicals every year." Our exposure in mattresses is unlike any other. We have full body and breathing contact eight hours every day for the rest of our lives. These chemicals are also required in healthcare and crib mattresses. The CPSC is ignoring the warnings of their own health sciences division, who says more study is needed, and is rushing this law through. These flameproof mattresses have never been studied for human exposure. These chemicals are already in millions of mattresses nationwide in anticipation of the new law.

The CPSC admits they have no exposure data and cannot do a quantitative risk analysis. Instead, they say they are doing a qualitative analysis, by relying on staff's professional judgment. In other words, they are guessing. They say study will be ongoing, meaning they will test our entire population, and if they later find human damage, it is the responsibility of other government agencies to ban that specific chemical.

Boric Acid (Roach Killer) exists as loose dust mixed with the cotton batting. There are 1.5 lbs of Boric Acid in the surface of a Queen mattress. Antimony Trioxide is also included in the mixture. This is the least expensive barrier system to flameproof mattresses. The other systems aren't much better, none of them are safe.

Boric Acid, Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidene Chloride, Zinc Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause cancer. Some are known to be a reproductive and developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage are only some effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone.

If our government guesses correctly, that it is safe for everyone to sleep in these chemicals, we may save up to 300 people from fire. However, our exposure in mattresses is intimate and chronic. If they are wrong, and they have been wrong in the past, they could harm or kill up to 300 million people. All of us sleep on a mattress. The risk is huge. Hippocrates left us with the admonition: "First do no harm."

As of 1-1-05, this law is already effective in California. One opponent wrote: Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human

experiment without consent.

I strongly urge you to stop this law to flameproof mattresses from taking effect immediately, and to ban the use of any such chemicals in mattresses. No chemicals should ever be used in mattresses or otherwise unless they have been demonstrated to be nontoxic to humans by properly conducted scientific studies. Thank you in advance for your anticipated courtesy and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Wendy Bolt  
Burbank, CA

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**From:** lffv [lffv@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:20 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

**I am against making mattresses flameproof.** Chemicals, no matter the amount, are not good for our adult health nor children's health. With the amount of cancer and children with hyperactivity disorders today, we should take a look at how many chemicals are now in products, as opposed to years ago, when there was less instances of cancer and other illnesses related to our environment.

**How you can justify putting millions at risk is beyond comprehension. We are supposed to be making the world a better place for our children not worse!**

**Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.**

Alison Flick  
Pennsylvania  
[lffv@comcast.net](mailto:lffv@comcast.net)

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**From:** Baker, Kathleen (KM) [KMBaker@dow.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:12 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame retardant regulations for mattresses  
  
**Expires:** Sunday, March 09, 2008 12:00 AM

As Hippocrates said, "First do no harm". I do not wish to be part of your experiment to determine if how it will effect humans to breath and lie on the dangerous flame-retardant chemicals your are proposing mattress manufacturers use. We lie our beds 1/3 of our lives. And you're proposing exposing EVERYONE to these chemicals to save the lives of 300 people who smoke in bed? What are you thinking?

Kathleen Baker  
684 Plainfield Ct  
Saginaw, MI 48609

From: Amy Abbott [msadventure@velocitus.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:10 AM  
To: Stevenson, Todd A.  
Subject: Mattress NPR

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Please do NOT force toxic flame proofing chemicals on the millions of people who do not want them. I work very hard to keep harsh and toxic chemicals out of our house. We eat mainly organic food, clean with vinegar and baking soda, and we LOVE hand me down clothes, furniture, and toys, because I figure most of the chemicals have been washed out, or have been off gassed.

I do not want my family to be the human subjects in a huge experiment by being forced to sleep on a mattress steeped in chemicals that have not been tested. The people who are already risking their lives by smoking in bed, or having candles near their bed can decide to increase their risk of disease and death by using a mattress covered with toxic chemicals.

Please, please do not pass the law that would require all mattresses to be coated in the toxic flame proofing chemicals. I know fire is a risk, but to me, is is far less of a risk than all the chemicals. It would seem to me that good fire prevention behaviors like not having open flames near upholstery or drapes, not overloading electrical outlets, maintaining your stoves and clothes dryers, and keeping batteries in working smoke detectors is a much better defense against being burned up than sleeping in some toxic chemical cocktail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,  
Amy Abbott  
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Park City, Utah 84098  
msadventure@velocitus.net

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**From:** Lisa Sorensen [Lisa@SistersGourmet.com]**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:13 AM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** flameproof mattresses

If it is true that you are planning on adding more chemicals to our daily lives - to our mattresses of all things - then I'd like to ask you to please reconsider. So many people are sensitive to the chemicals all around them, and work hard each day to avoid as many as possible. By adding even more chemicals, by law, to our mattresses, you are making it even more difficult to survive in this world! You may notice that more companies are making dye/fragrance free products - this is because we need to *get rid of* more chemicals - not *add* more. These companies have seen the demand for less chemicals. Please listen to the people who will be most affected by this law.

Thanks,  
Lisa Sorensen  
Atlanta, GA

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**From:** Burt, MK [mburt@ohlogistics.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:21 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

Hello,

I am writing to you in an effort to stop the passing of the flame retardant mattress law in progress. I am the mother of a 10 month old baby, whom I breastfeed. I am very concerned of the chemicals that are used to make the mattresses flame retardant. If someone is smoking in bed, they deserve to fry themselves. It is their choice. People such as myself who use real foods without pesticides or chemical enhancements deserve the right to have a chemical free sleeping place.

I choose to eat natural foods as I am very sensitive to chemicals and preservatives found in prepackaged items. I think it is unfair to put a product on the market that has not been tested and uses chemicals known to cause cancer and other horrible things. People have a right to choose if their mattress has these horrible chemicals in it.

Please do not pass this law. It will be harmful to our children and our future.

Kind Regards,  
**M. K. Burt**

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**From:** Lorraine Roth [LRoth@medchiagency.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:39 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress' and Boric Acid  
**Importance:** High

I certainly do not want to sleep on a mattress laced with Boric Acid. I oppose this law and refuse to purchase any mattress laced with Boric Acid. Have you gone mad?

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**From:** Pam Stevens [pbstevens@comcast.net]**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:38 AM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** flame retardent mattress law

Please note that I do not support this new law. It is important for consumers to have choices and I do not wish the U.S. Government to choose for me that deadly chemicals be added to mattresses on which we spend 8 hours per day just to make them flame retardant. I choose not to smoke – if people who do smoke don't realize that they shouldn't smoke in bed, then that is a failure on their part. Do not endanger others' health by enacting this law.  
Pamela Stevens, Annapolis, MD

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**From:** Mamjw@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:34 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Please do not poison our mattresses!!! We like sleeping on clean surfaces, not those laden with chemicals. At least give the consumer a choice when purchasing a new mattress, with or without chemicals.

Thank you,

Mary Ann Waldbart, West Palm Beach, FL  
Concerned mother of 2 healthy, chemically clean children

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**From:** gregmonday@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:28 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

This correspondence pertains to the pending implementation of the law requiring mattresses be considered fireproof.

As part owner of a company that distributes specialty mattress systems, and an individual with 15 years of experience in this market, I can attest to the importance of sleep systems to the overall health of the user. What concerns me is the potential detrimental effects this proposed law might have on the health of those who depend on these products.

It has come to my attention that, in an effort to comply with the pending law, many mattress manufacturers are employing chemical barriers that include agents known to adversely affect the health of those with long-term exposure to them. Reportedly included among these agents is boric acid. As people spend about one-third of their lives in these products I fear that the harmful effects of this prolonged exposure will become all too apparent over time.

While attempting to lessen the number of deaths that occur in fires is indeed a worthy goal, please do not magnify the health risk to consumers many times over with the implementation of this regulation. At the very least please pay attention to what manufacturers are exposing consumers to in the name of safety and code compliance.

It is my belief that the negative fallout from the use of chemicals to achieve compliance with fireproofing regulations will far outweigh the benefits to fire safety. Please remember the debate that has been sparked by our President's contention that health costs can be reduced by limiting lawsuits. The easiest way to avoid that issue altogether would be to avert an asbestos-like exposure issue that is apt to injure many, ruin lives and create claims for redress later.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns in this matter.

Greg Monday  
Indianapolis, IN

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**From:** Mae Jones [jones6517@charter.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:24 AM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

I HAVE A CHILD WITH ASTHMA AND I DON'T WON'T HIM SLEEPING ON A MATTRESS THAT HAS  
CHEMICALS IN IT. THANK YOU

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**From:** Catherine M Butryn [abcbutryn@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:28 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress Law

I am writing in regards to the new proposed law to flameproof mattress. I believe adding Boric Acid to mattresses is extremely dangerous. The amount of chemicals that we, as residents of this planet are exposed to from sources which we have no control over on a daily basis (such as air pollutants, pesticide residue on foods, my neighbors' chronic use of fertilizers, etc. ) is already outrageous. While I know that a certain exposure to health endangering toxins is out of my control, I choose to limit my family's exposure to chemicals in every way that I possibly can. I buy organic foods whenever possible and choose other nonorganic brands which contain no artificial colors, flavors or preservatives when organic is not an option. I do not use chemical fertilizers, pesticides or other toxins in my home or on my property.

I am appalled at this proposal requiring my children, my husband and I (along with the rest of the families living in these United states) to sleep on mattresses that have had Boric Acid applied them. This will mean that our skin - our biggest organ - will be exposed to this chemical for between six and ten hours each night for the rest of our lives. Additionally, we breathe deeply in the vulnerable state of sleep. Therefore we will be breathing this chemical into our lungs which will in turn pass into our blood stream and into all of our vital organs. We as a society are confused as to why the incidence of cancer, neurological disease, Autism, ADHD, Alzheimer's and other diseases has increased so dramatically during this generation. Can we not point our fingers to chronic exposure to chemicals and stupid laws such as these?

Please, for the sake of our children and anyone hoping to live a long and healthy life, do not pass this law.

Sincerely,  
Catherine M. Butryn

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**From:** Lisa Kamnikar [kamnikar@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:26 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Added flame retardent in mattresses

Hello,

My name is Lisa Kamnikar and I would like to voice my opinion against adding chemicals to mattresses. I have allergies and asthma. Currently my mattresses are encased in dust mite covers, so that I don't breathe in dust while I sleep. I use unscented products because the smell is aggravating to my sinuses. I think adding chemicals is a bad idea. If the mattress companies feel this is necessary, make a line of flame retardent mattresses for smokers, a line of mattresses for people with allergies and so on.

If the problem is economics, the mattress companies will lose. I know if they make flame retardent mattresses, and I need a new mattress, I will purchase a temperpedic or another alternative mattress. I am not putting my health at risk for something that has not been tested for health risks.

Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Lisa Kamnikar



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**From:** Sharon Jones [sjones@neonramp.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:44 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Proposed use of flame retardant in mattresses

To Whom it may concern

I am 100% opposed to the idea that we need flame retardant in our beds!!!!!!  
Aren't there enough ( in my very educated opinion) , make that too many, chemicals being forced upon the public, WITH OUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE of the inherant risks? Somebody in that office of yours has got to aquire a concience and step forward to STOP this insane act. Stop serving those who worship the \$\$\$ and put their desires ahead of the few who don't have the sense to not smoke in bed!!!

Sincerely

S. Jones  
Iowa

PS I have very chemically sensitive children, who apparently don't have a say in this matter, so I am acting on their behalf, and perhaps thousands of other children whose lives would be in danger if this act goes through. Can you sleep with that thought ???

May God bless and guide you

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**From:** Marcia Coakley [m.coakley@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:44 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: inner spring mattress law

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please reconsider this new flame retardant policy. These materials used on our beds are too hazardous to the health of many to attempt to prevent the possibility of fire risks.

"If our government guesses correctly, that it is safe for everyone to sleep in these chemicals, we may save up to 300 people from fire. However, our exposure in mattresses is intimate and chronic. \*If they are wrong\*, and they have been wrong in the past, they could harm or kill up to 300 million people. All of us sleep on a mattress. \*The risk is huge\*. Hippocrates left us with the admonition: "First do no harm."

Sincerely,

Marcia Coakley  
9 Evergreen Street  
Medway, MA 02053

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**From:** Dottie McFadden [dvmc99@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:42 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame Retardant Mattresses!

To Whom It May Concern:

We do not want Boric Acid Roach Killer in our mattress. Please don't allow that law to be passed. I have severe allergies and sensitivity to chemicals and odors or scents I could never sleep on a mattress with Boric Acid in it.

Dottie McFadden  
318 Chapman Road  
LaFayette, GA 30728

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**From:** Damien [spider-man@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:37 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

If it is true you are attempting to make all mattresses flame proof by using what could be a toxic chemical, let me ask you this. Would you rather get your tobacco money now (I am sure they are the number one backer of this measure) OR pay out the billions that will surely be due later when "chemical reactions" take place?

I don't smoke, therefore I don't need a flame proof mattress. If my house is burning up, sleeping on a flame proof mattress will not save my life.

Damien

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**From:** Mark Sunderman [mosunderman@access4less.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:21 AM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Proposed Mattress Regulation

Good morning.

Please DO NOT begin the regulation that would affect everyone that sleeps on a mattress! I do not want to sleep on something that has known toxins made into it. We are already exposed to so many toxins. Why not give Americans the CHOICE if they want this "protection" or not? It SHOULD NOT be mandated!

Sincerely,  
Vivian

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**From:** rsfer@juno.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:33 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** "clean(?) beds"

The practice of adding chemicals to mattresses to render them flameproof and roach-proof is dangerous and irresponsible. The health risks of being in contact with these chemicals are known, so obviously this is about someone (some companies) making a buck--and of course, if the public suffers that appears to be secondary to them.

Please do not let these chemicals infiltrate our homes and affect us while we are sleeping. Please protect consumers like you supposed to do!

Thank you,

Rachel Ferraro  
rsfer@juno.com

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**From:** Frank and Peggy Batchelor [batchelor@brinet.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:26 AM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** flame proof mattresses

Please do not pass the law for flame proof mattresses. I do not want to sleep in chemicals. I am highly sensitive to chemicals. I don't smoke and resent having to be put in jeopardy in order to protect foolish people who may smoke in bed.

Frank and Peggy Batchelor  
Brevard, NC 28712

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**From:** Dean and Melanie [pigsnfish@inebraska.com]**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:50 AM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Please do not require mattress manufacturers to put fire retardent in their mattresses. If the government feels they need to protect every human being on the earth from their own stupidity (ie. smoking in bed) then I guess that explains our national deficit. Making laws and changing products will do nothing to improve poor choices. The people who make the poor choices do so because of a mindset they developed when they were very young and unless they want to change that mindset, they never will. I do not want to sleep in roach powder; I do not want my children to sleep in roach powder. If you pass this law, you will force hundreds of US residents to adopt the old ways and sleep on mattresses made out of hay—certainly a much worse fire hazard than traditional mattresses. At least offer consumers the CHOICE of what type of mattress they want. Smokers already consume tons of horrid chemicals that will kill them—let them sleep on roach powder.

Melanie Thompson

Pilger, NE

"I ate a Popsicle, and now my tongue is purple...my shirt is dripping wet, and the stick is stuck to my pocket...Who can I hug?"

Calvin in "Calvin and Hobbes"

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**From:** kim allen [sikedr2003@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:18 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Hello - I just heard about the proposal to add chemicals to make a mattress flame-retardant. PLEASE consider the possible health complications that many face when exposed to chemicals. As a Health Service Psychologist, I am becoming increasingly fearful of the chemicals to which we (and our children!) are exposed. There has been an explosion of ADHD symptoms in recent years and I don't think the gene pool has changed that much, so it is very possible that these chemicals effect our children. In fact, recent research has shown that food additives/chemicals have an effect on behavior and I have read with interest about other researchers beginning to examine the effect of other household chemicals on behavior. Please don't expose the average person and child to substances that kill organisms (it may not kill us, but it CAN'T be good for us!) because someone is not smart enough to smoke while upright. Thanks.

Kimberly A. Weaks, PhD

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**From:** Spellman, Ronald PO [RSpellman@comdt.uscg.mil]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:11 AM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Dear sir or madam:

I am writing to protest the proposed law that would require all mattresses to be manufactured with flame proofing. Personally, I plan to purchase a non-flame proofed bed on clearance if the CPSC's plan goes into effect, thus saving myself from exposure to Boric acid (roach powder) eight hours a night.

Please be aware that this kind of law is also anti-capitalist, and will remove the right of choice from the consumer.

Thank you for time and consideration.

Ron Spellman

jacklawson01@yahoo.com

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**From:** mstone12 [mstone12@tampabay.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:10 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** say no to flame resistant mattresses

I do not agree with putting dangerous chemicals in mattresses to save approximately 300 people a year who are smoking in bed. It is ridiculous. It is morally wrong to put poison on people's mattresses, where they sleep for 1/3 of their lives.

Don't do it or you will never have another good nights sleep again.  
People will suffer poor health and disease from this.

Melissa Stone

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**From:** Dawn Hoffman [dhoffman@southfieldchristian.org]**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:07 AM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** I am angry and frustrated that you would require the slow poisoning of my child...

To whom-ever is responsible for the flame retardant mattress law,

Please, please do not make it impossible for my child to live a healthy, chemical-free life. His body cannot tolerate added chemicals. It is irresponsible of any organization to require long-term exposure to chemicals that have not been thoroughly researched for health and sensitivity issues.

I understand that well-meaning people want to "Save Smokers from their own irresponsibility" but it cannot happen at the expense of my child's health, or the health of people all over our nation. I cannot imagine what you people are thinking in requiring our beds to be liberally covered in roach poison, and not think that sleeping on this roach poison would have any adverse effects on the human body. Every person in America has the right to purchase chemical free beds. If you take that right away from us, there will be an angry bunch of consumers knocking at your door wondering why you sold us out to a misguided minority.

Please employ good judgment and do not let this law go into effect. Nobody should be required to sleep on chemically treated mattresses – especially when there is no conclusive evidence that these mattresses will not cause trouble over long-term exposure to these chemicals.

I hope that good judgment and concern for the health of our citizens will prevail and this legislation will be held up until adequate research could be performed and options for parents like me could be discussed.

Thank you,

Dawn Hoffmen

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**From:** Kristen Beahm [kbeahm@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:06 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Cc:** Congressman Jim Cooper  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Dear CPSC commissioner Hal Stratton,

Please reconsider your support of 16 CFR Parts 1633 and 1634 Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattresses and Mattress/ Foundation Sets.

Under these guidelines, exposure to toxic levels of chemicals will be mandated to millions of Americans, literally, "in their sleep." As an individual who is actively trying to eliminate as many chemicals as possible from my family's environment, I am very concerned when the government takes an active roll in increasing my exposure to more and more chemicals.

As you must be aware, the EPA has concluded

(see <http://www.epa.gov/iris/toxreviews/0410-tr.pdf> )

that the "developmental effects that have been reported following boron exposure include high prenatal mortality, reduced fetal body weight and malformations and variations of the eyes, central nervous system, cardiovascular system, and axial skeleton" (Price et al., 1996a,b; Field et al., 1989). They also site health concerns for reproductive organs and blood toxicity. According to the EPA: "Confidence in the principal developmental studies is high; they are well-designed studies that examined relevant developmental endpoints using a large number of animals. Similar developmental effects were noted in rats, mice and rabbits. Confidence in the data base is high due to the existence of several subchronic and chronic studies, as well as adequate reproductive and developmental toxicology data. Your own agency staff sites "its opinion that boric anhydride and boric acid are acutely toxic, ... Moreover, it is staff's opinion that boric acid falls within the CPSC's chronic toxicity guidelines issued under the FHSA. It is a probable reproductive and developmental toxicant in humans, based upon sufficient animal data."

So why would the US Consumer Products Safety commission enact a law requiring the use boric acid and other toxic chemicals in our mattresses—harming 300 million people for the benefit of the 300 that might be saved due to fire?

Please oppose this measure, so we can all sleep safely.

Sincerely,  
Kristen Beahm

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**From:** christoph green [christoph@tangerinestudios.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:04 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I consider the inclusion of boric acid in flame retardant mattresses a dangerous experiment on human lives. The consequences of such vast exposure to toxic chemicals will be immense. Please reconsider the legislation before you endanger the lives of so many people. -Julia Glazer  
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**From:** Tara Bloyd [tara@nearseanaturals.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:03 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Please do not apply California's law to flameproof mattresses, or any similar law, nation-wide.  
The risk outweighs the benefit to put flame retardant chemicals and especially Boric Acid in our mattresses. Please stop the laws requiring this.

Thank you,

Tara Bloyd  
58 Horny Toad Road  
Cerrillos, NM 87010



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**From:** Lisa Pere [pere15@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 10:01 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to you regarding the pending legislature to add flame retardant chemicals to mattresses. PLEASE do not pass this law. My children are extremely sensitive to chemicals, and such materials added to their environment could be devastating. I realize at first glance this law might seem like a prudent safety measure, in reality it could be a nightmare for people—especially children—with asthma and other sensitivities.

Sincerely,

Lisa Pere  
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Fort Collins, CO 80528  
970-266-9157

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**From:** LongsBeds@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:54 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

As a retailer of mattresses, I urge you to not enact the proposed fire retardancy regulations. Instead of saving lives, you'll be costing many more. All of the chemicals and materials that are used for fire retardancy, in my opinion, are all cancer causers and will do far more potential harm to this and future generations. Worse than that, these innocent generations have no choice as to whether or not to expose themselves to these chemicals.

I think the real culprit in mattresses is the cheap, synthetic foams used in their manufacture. A few more natural materials that don't melt and cause toxic fumes would be far more acceptable.

Please DON'T enact this law.

Judie Long  
Vice President  
Long's Bedding & Interiors  
New York, NY

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**From:** caseyhiggins@att.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2005 9:54 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

Please do not rush this unresearched proposal through congress. Our children are already exposed to so many toxic chemicals. Sleeping for eight hours a night every night, inhaling these particles in their already challenged systems is just unthinkable. With the asthma problems more and more children are being diagnosed with currently, there may be severe consequences from this seemingly protective legislation. Please do not use our entire population as unwitting test subjects.

Respectfully,  
Liz Higgins

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